

NCYHA Minutes

3/2/22, 6:30 PM, Virtual Meeting

Attendees:

Nicole, Brian T., Brian C., Adam, Chuck, Jeff, Sarah, Brian H., MJB, Jeff M., Matty, Chris

Virtual Zoom Meeting

BOD Vote:

1. Received approval of 2/2/22 minutes and sent to Jeff to post to the website
2. Received approval to give travel jersey refund for families that paid out of pocket and did not receive travel jerseys due to delay from Verbero. Families will receive jerseys when Verbero delivers.

Action Items:

1. IN PROCESS - Brian H/Brian C/Nicole to complete a reconciliation of players/jersey numbers/payment.
 - a. Brian C has a list of 7-8 players where we do not have payment in hand, will work with Brian H to understand why and follow up as needed.
 - b. Nicole has an open question to Chris/Brian to see if jersey number reconciliation is needed (cross reference Brian H's list with Registrars list).
2. IN PROCESS - BOD - Review/Rewriting 2016 By-Laws. Nicole updated by laws and requested all BOD directors and advisory positions review the document paying close attention to the section for their role by 3/2. Nicole will circulate the final document for approval by 4/6.
 - a. Completed by: Secretary, Webmaster, Scheduler, Treasurer, Sponsorship, Learn To Skate
 - b. **Outstanding: President/Vice President, Girls Program Director,, Mite Development Program, Coach in Chief, Tournament Director, House League**
3. IN PROCESS - Chuck met with CEO of Verbero & sales representative to discuss outstanding orders/delays and lack of communication. Verbero indicated they did not receive an order from Brian H. for 7-9 sets of jerseys (Brian H. has e-mail or order that was sent, vendor non responsive). Verbero committed to delivering jerseys within the next month.
 - a. Chuck will request a kick back to NCYHA for the delay ie. blank jerseys
 - b. Chuck will review with Verbero that Island Hockey is for profit and not affiliated with NCYHA (they have permission to use the NCYHA logo and sell branded merchandise).

4. NEW - Brian C/Brian H/Chuck - Develop a process for uniform orders/timeline/payment going forward. Align process with Verbero manufacturing calendar. Acquire surplus blank jerseys to use for late additions to the travel program.
5. COMPLETE- Brian H - Confirm he received 200 medals from Hodges Badge to be distributed to LTS/MDP in spring.
6. COMPLETE - Chris send a communication regarding positions open for election in even years.
7. DEFERRED to 6/2022 as the Christmas Tournament was canceled and these are needed for the Christmas tournament. Research costs associated with replacing Ipads/squares for Christmas tournaments, SWAG sales, etc. (As of 10/2021, \$630 for each replacement includes device, stand, connection through square will be an additional temporary wireless account fee for the months used, square takes a small percentage of sales.)

Board Updates:

1. Girls Program Update
 - a. Recent events: Pizza party with Sarah Decosta (olympic medalist) & had St. G player talked to girls about experience playing high school hockey at a boarding school and hosted an open girls skate at St. Gs (good MDP turnout).
 - b. Will share Sirens tryout dates when posted
2. Coach in Chief Update
 - a. Organizing travel evaluations - planning sent to coaches and level directors
 - i. Leveraging team genius app for evaluators and to aggregate data
 - b. Midget evaluations will take place in March and will be added to the schedule
3. President Update
 - a. RI Hockey Update - no update
 - b. SCHL Update -
 - i. Parents from other organizations have been abrasive to referees and opponent's players. Discussions ongoing on how to handle these situations, TBD if programs will be fined.
 - ii. Exploring possibility of a supplemental girls U19 high school program, geographically grouping teams together

- iii. Dual rostered players currently allowed within the league, TBD how they will be handled going forward
- iv. Playoffs, request coaches validate their rosters and validate their opponents rosters/jerseys
 - 1. NCYHA PWB goalie broke foot, allowing us to call up goalies due to the circumstance

4. Treasurer Update

- a. Monthly Financial Summary: Our checking account balance as of 03-01-22 is \$143,964.35. Our balance on the same day in 2021 was \$192,729.31. The difference is due largely to COVID-19's impact on 2020-21 season finances (we had a significant end-of-season surplus) and general cash flow (we've paid for most ice time earlier this season). Significant expenditures in February included St. George's ice for January (\$12,500); Abbey ice for late December and January (\$15,360); Driscoll ice for January and February (\$1,850); tournaments for U10A and U10B (\$2,445); LTS and MDP medals (\$1,527.96); officials for January (\$1,251.50); Overspeed skills for January (\$990); SurveyMonkey renewal (\$398.04); helmet stickers (\$391.37). Revenues in February totaled \$24,556.20, mostly for final 2021-22 travel installment payments and 2022-23 travel season deposits.

5. Scheduler Update

- a. The 2022-23 Whalers Travel Teams Evaluations ice time has been posted on Sports Engine.
- b. The SCHL playoff schedule is taking shape. As games are scheduled, team practices will be shifting days and/or times.
- c. Our last day of ice time at the Abbey is Sunday, 3/13.
- d. Eric reviewed the Scheduler duties, documents, etc., with the one potential candidate for the job, Eric Bronson.
- e. Eric proposed edits to Article V, Section 10, Scheduler responsibilities within the bylaws.

- f. Discussion item: Our "play-up" policy - why is it our policy to "play-up" to the highest tier older level team only? This is not a USA Hockey policy, and there are cases to be made for players to "play-up", but not to the highest tier older level team.
 - i. USA Hockey has not encouraged players to play up unless they are at an elite level
See article from 2016:
https://www.usahockey.com/news_article/show/676168-the-pros-and-pitfalls-of-playing-up
 - ii. It creates an issue, as soon as one parent finds out another kid is playing up, parents then request for their child to play up as they are afraid their kid is being left behind
 - iii. Everyone should play at their own level unless they evaluate at the top level of the next age group and request to play up. If a player requests to play up, the player needs to tryout for both their age level and the higher level. If placed in the highest group of the higher level, the BOD must take a vote to allow this player to play on this team.
 - iv. NCYHA intentionally does not advertise our play up policy on our website
- 6. Registrar Update
 - a. Registration updated with a check box to acknowledge no refunds
 - b. Currently 100 registered for travel - need 48 hours for registration to be completed before tryouts
- 7. Equipment Manager Update
 - a. Will deliver 200 MDP/LTS medals to Adam Tobias this week. Adam will bring to LTS on Saturday to begin handing them out
- 8. Sponsorship Update
 - a. Initial stages of exploring options for a family gathering at the beginning of next year's season
 - b. Half boards - stored in the back closet of St. Gs

9. Webmaster Update

- a. Continuously updating website for travel registration as needed.

10. MDP Update

- a. Wrapping up season, SWS reached out and they have extra ice at the end of the month and asked for a scrimmage (well received by NCYHA players).

11. LTS Update

- a. Wrapping up season, obtained extra ice from PAS.
- b. Jeff's wife offered to take photos this weekend at PAS.
- c. Jeff recommends that going forward we continue to host LTS/MDP as back to back programs, a number of benefits (families have players in both programs, etc.)

12. Player Safety Update - no update

13. House League Update - provided offline by Aubie

- a. Once the travel season ends I am going to begin promoting HL for next season. I think the best thing will be to steer players and families to the website and post the details for House League there. I'll come to the April meeting with some suggestions for Board approval.

Confirm Future Meeting Schedule: Monthly board meetings, first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, TBD in person or virtual: 4/6, 5/4 annual meeting at Gas Lamp Grille